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Valley of the Moon Amateur Radio Club WIRELESS

FRANKLY SPEAKING!

Hi everyone. The clocks are turned back and the cold is here! The recent rain was a nice change. Last month saw the passing of two old friends. Kermit Parker W6JFN and Jan Bush AE6FQ. For this month's meeting I have a VOMARC video about Kermit.

I hear Ed W1EJ and Dave KD6FIL had a successful activation for SOTA Wednesday 11-11, maybe they took pics! Keep your calendar clear for the VOMARC Christmas party December 9 at 6pm. Hope to see you at the meeting next week.

Until then keep your amps tuned and aerials resonant.

—73, Frank KG6N

NEXT MEETING
Wed, November 18, 2015, 7:30pm
Topic: TBA
City of Sonoma EOC

MINUTES OCTOBER 21

NOTE: No minutes are available for this meeting.

Amateur Radio Parity Act Continues to Gain Traction in US House

It's full steam ahead for the Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2015, as the House version of the bill, H.R. 1301, now has 112 cosponsors and counting. The House bill and its identical US Senate measure, S. 1685, call on the FCC to amend its regulations to extend the limited PRB-1 federal preemption regarding Amateur Radio antennas to include private land-use restrictions such as deed covenant, conditions, and restrictions (CC&Rs). Homeowners associations would need to apply the minimum practicable restriction to accommodate Amateur Radio communication. ARRL President Kay Craigie, N3KN, said the League is continuing to receive and forward stacks of letters generated at hamfests and conventions and destined for members of the US House and Senate.

"All members are encouraged to go ahead and write their own letters to be sent via ARRL

Headquarters," President Craigie said. "They don't have to wait for a hamfest or convention. Get the letters done now, before the holidays take over everyone's time and attention. Members' letters are absolutely *essential* to the success of this legislation. Everything you can do to drum up letters from your local area is an

important part of the overall advocacy program. As I've said before, this is a full-team effort, and every member's action makes a difference."

(From ARRL newsletter)

—Submitted by Jim K6UUW

Field Day Results: VOMARC Third

—By Dave KD6FIL

Field Day 2015 results are in! We came in third in the section, but I think we won in the fun and food categories. REDXA at the Marin Rod and Gun Club took top honors in the section, as usual. SCRA in Santa Rosa just beat us out by 51 contacts and a few points for the Get On the Air station. For more results go to http://www.arrl.org/results-database?fd_category=&fd_power=&fd_sect=&ss_call=&sort0=&sort1=&sort2=&event_id=68929

Start planning for next year! Field Day will be June 25 and 26 in 2016.

2015 ARRL Field Day:

Displaying entries for **Section**=**SF: E**ntries 1 to 10 of 10 listed

#	Call	Score	Category	QSOs	Power Mult	GOTA Call	Section	Participa	Club
1	W6KB	10,142	2A	3,154	2	W6SG	SF	30	REDXA/MARS
2	K6SON	2,950	3A	600	2	W6SON	SF	54	Sonoma Cty RA
3	W6AJF	2,514	3A	549	2		SF	10	Valley of the Moon ARC
4	AF6GA	1,530	1B1B	128	5		SF	1	
5	N6F	1,384	4F	138	2	N6G	SF	5	Fort Ross VFD Station 4
6	AA6DX	1,342	4A	268	2		SF	35	Humboldt ARC
7	W6PW	872	3A	148	2		SF	10	San Francisco ARC
8	KB6NN	224	1C	8	2		SF	1	
9	K6BBQ/M	192	1C	21	2		SF	1	
10	W6VV	110	1E	2	5		SF	1	

—Submitted by Dave KD6FIL

DXing in LlUXURY

It's not roughing it if you have one of these amazing vehicles on a DXpedition, or should we say "Deluxpedition?"

(FromARRL contest newsletter)
—Submitted by Jim K6UUW

Sonoma Mountain Activation

Ed, W1EJ and I hiked to the top of Sonoma Mtn. On Wednesday, November 11. 5 miles one way, that seemed up hill both ways. I made 9 contacts on 2meter simplex and Ed had 5 2 meter simplex and about 14 CW contacts on HF.

Thanks goes out to all the club members who contacted is while we were on the hill.

—Dave KD6FIL.

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"Receipt of the Wireless is one of the most sought after benefits of membership in VOMARC."—S. Marler

CLUB MEETINGS are held on the third Wednesday of each month at the City of Sonoma Police Department EOC 175 1st St West. Meetings start at 19:30 local (7:30 P.M.).

WEB PAGE: **http://www.vomarc.org/**

Nets are held every Wednesday night at 19:30 (7:30 P.M.) local, except meeting nights on the 145.350 repeater, -600 kHz, PL 88.5 Hz.

ACS holds a net each Monday evening at 19:30 local on the 146.205, +600, PL 88.5 Hz repeater.

PACKET STATION INFO: The VOMARC packet station is off the air until further notice.

CLUB BREAKFASTS are held on the first Saturday of each month at Palms Grill (formerly Issa's) Restaurant, 18999 Sonoma Highway, Sonoma. The fun starts at 09:30 local.

Comments and submissions of material may be sent to:

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–or–

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2015 ACS
Net Control Assignments

	Name	Call
JANUARY	MOE	KI6JNU
FEBRUARY	SCOTT	KJ6QIQ
MARCH	SCOTT	KJ6QIQ
APRIL	JIM	K6UUW
MAY	DICK	KF6FZM
JUNE	MOE	KI6JNU
JULY	KEN	N6KN
AUGUST	GILL	KJ6EIG
SEPTEMBER	SAM	W5LTP
OCTOBER	DICK	FK6FZM
NOVEMBER	MIKE	WB6TMH
DECEMBER	DARREL	WD6BOR

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JANUARY	SCOTT	KJ6QIQ
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MARCH	MOE	KI6JNU
APRIL	DAVE	KD6FIL
MAY	ED	W1EJ
JUNE	FRANK	KG6N
JULY	MOE	KI6JNU
AUGUST		
SEPTEMBER	SAM	W5LTP
OCTOBER	DICK	KF6FZM
NOVEMBER	MIKE	WB6TMH
DECEMBER	DARREL	WD6BOR

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE THE NOVEMBER 18, 7:30PM AT THE CITY OF SONOMA EOC, 175 1ST ST WEST, SONOMA

SEE YOU THERE.

VOMARC MEMBERSHIP

VOMARC 2015 Membership Dues: $15/year individual; $5/year family member at same address.

VOMARC encourages its members to join the ARRL. More information is available at www.arrl.org.

QST is available to blind and physically handicapped individuals on audio cassette from the Library of Congress, National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. Call 1-800-424-8567.

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Dues may be mailed to VOMARC in care of the Sonoma Police Department, 175 1st St West, CA 95476, or brought to the next meeting.

Your check should be made payable to: **VOMARC.**